

MEMORANDUM

TO: HCC Family
FROM: Dr. Cesar Maldonado, Chancellor
DATE: March 12, 2020
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Possible Exposure - Two HCC Campus Closures

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Possible Exposure to Coronavirus at Two HCC Locations

This afternoon, HCC's COVID-19 Incident Management Team was notified of the potential exposure to Coronavirus at two of our campus locations. Out of an abundance of caution, these impacted locations are being closed until further notice. HCC is initiating immediate deep cleaning procedures. All students, faculty and staff at these locations have been notified and we are doing everything we can to address their concerns and questions as the situations described below evolve.

Possible Exposure at Coleman College

HCC was notified that an individual at our Coleman College came into direct contact with an individual that tested positive for Coronavirus. This individual just started showing symptoms consistent with the disease and has been placed into self-quarantine by the Houston Health Department.

We are working closely with health authorities and our partners at Coleman College to determine who within our campus may have been exposed to this individual. While the individual has not tested positive for Coronavirus at this time, we are taking these measures, as well as **closing both buildings within Coleman College until further notice** (CDC deep cleaning recommendations are being implemented to sanitize these locations). Therefore, the building will be inaccessible to students, faculty and staff.

All students, faculty and staff at Coleman College have been notified and we are working closely with them to make sure questions and concerns are addressed as we learn more. Should any of our students, faculty and staff at Coleman College experience any symptoms, we ask that they immediately notify their health provider and HCC. As a reminder, the following resources have been established for any self-reporting or concerns.

- [Student Self-Reporting Form](#)
- Employee Hotline 713-718-2300 or email at covid19.resources@hccs.edu

Possible Exposure at Fraga Campus

HCC was notified of an individual who has been asked to self-quarantine by a health authority. This person was present in Academic building at HCC's Fraga Campus on March 11. Based on information currently available, we do not believe that members of HCC's faculty, staff or student body have come into contact with this individual. However, out of an abundance of caution, we are **closing the Fraga Academic building until further notice**.



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Faculty, staff and students in the building have all been notified and we are implementing deep cleaning procedures in accordance with CDC recommendations. Therefore, the building will be inaccessible to students, faculty and staff. Additionally, we are working closely with our partners at Fraga Campus and local health authorities to address this potential exposure and take any steps necessary to limit potential spread.

We are asking any students, faculty and staff at the Fraga Academic building to monitor their health, and if they experience any symptoms, immediately notify their health provider and HCC. As a reminder, the following resources have been established for any self-reporting or concerns.

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We understand that the HCC community may be rightfully concerned about this announcements, but please know the safety and wellbeing of our students, faculty and staff are our highest priority. The measures described above are being taken out of an abundance of caution and as soon as we have any further updates, we will communicate them immediately.